

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to amend the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78; to insert a government rights clause pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 202; and to correct a typographical error in the definition of the group “X” described therein. In addition, claims 1 and 16 are amended to correct certain typographical errors in the definition of the group “X” and the group “R^A” recited therein; claim 15 is amended to clarify the definition of the group “R^A” recited therein; claims 24-25 are amended to remove the multiple dependency of claims 24 and 25; and new dependent claims 26-27 corresponding to the canceled multiple dependency are added. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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